REVISE THE FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION, SECTION 5

- Replace the term "University Faculty" with "faculty."
- Reflect the new degree conferral schedule and procedure.
- Reflect the new titles for the voting-eligible faculty members in non-tenure track teaching and non-tenure-track research positions, consistent with Section 2.

Section 5: Plenary Meetings of the Faculty

The Speaker will invite the President to make a "State of the University" address to the University Faculty each year. Each academic year on the day prior to Spring Commencement in August, December, and May, the Speaker will convene a regular plenary meeting of the University Faculty to receive reports from the President, the Examinations and Standing Committee, and the Dean of Undergraduates, the Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and the Registrar and to approve the candidates for graduation. A similar regular plenary meeting of the University Faculty will be convened by the Speaker to approve the candidates for graduation in January or February. The Speaker, with the approval of the Executive Committee, or the President may call additional regular meetings of the University Faculty in plenary session. These regular meetings will be chaired by the Speaker. These regular meetings would be intended as sounding boards on important, transcendent issues affecting the University. Any votes taken at such regular meetings would be advisory to the Senate. The agenda of such regular meetings will normally be distributed to all faculty at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

In addition, a petition signed by 50 voting members of the faculty shall require the Speaker to convene a special meeting of the University Faculty in plenary session to discuss a specific matter. If the voting members of the faculty present at this special plenary session pass a motion, it will be submitted to the entire voting faculty for a vote. In such cases, voting on the matter will be carried out by ballots distributed to the entire voting faculty. The outcome of such a ballot vote of the entire voting faculty takes precedence over votes of the Senate in case of conflicts. The Senate may not amend the procedures outlined in this paragraph.

In plenary sessions, the voting faculty comprises all those who can vote in Senate elections and are either (i) tenured and tenure track faculty; or (ii) research faculty; or (iii) non-tenure track faculty who teach at least three courses per academic year and are on a two semester annual or longer appointment; or (iv) any other faculty classified as benefits eligible; (ii) benefits-eligible faculty holding non-tenured, non-tenure track teaching appointments at the ranks of assistant teaching professor, associate teaching professor, teaching professor, instructor, lecturer at any rank, artist-teacher, associate professor, or professor in the practice, excepting adjunct, visiting, and post-doctoral appointees, (iii) non-tenured and non-tenure track research faculty at the ranks of assistant research professor, associate research professor, or research professor. All voting faculty may vote on all matters brought before the session.